

Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Oct 1, 2014

In attendance: Peter Blood (Vice Chair), Rolan Clark, Patrick Miglio, Phil LeBlanc, Jim Shabelski Kevin Demosky, Lori Finafrock, and Phil Harris, Committee Liaison (DSWM).

The meeting opened at 6:30 PM with a quorum present, Vice Chair Peter Blood presiding.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Membership:

Peter Blood briefly discussed SWAC membership participation history for the benefit of new members Shabelski and LeBlanc.

Applicant Annie Jones, selected to fill the vacant Environmental Group representative position, has withdrawn her name from consideration on the SWAC due to numerous other commitments. The Environmental Group representative position remains open.

The group discussed SWAC officer positions (Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary) and ultimately voted to approve the following:

Peter Blood will continue on the SWAC even though his term has expired. Per the Charter, it appears that he may continue "until a replacement can be found." Mr. Harris will review this with the County Attorney. For now, Mr. Blood will serve as Chair of the SWAC.

Patrick Miglio agreed to serve as Vice Chair, and Rolan Clark will serve as Secretary

Department Update (presented by Ms. Finafrock, highlights noted below)

- Solid Waste Dept will host a free electronics recycling day November 15. This event will be funded from a MDE grant awarded to Frederick County. Kudos to the grant application team for securing approximately \$30,000
- Cindy Johnson has joined the Department of Solid Waste Management staff as Recycling Program Manager
- Frederick City has tabled any decision on increasing recycling pick-up from bi-weekly to weekly (bi-weekly pick-up will continue)
- Discussed new legislation requiring commercial, multi-family housing units to provide recycling services, effective this date. Building owners and/or associations must shoulder the cost for this service as it will not be provided by the County.

New Business:

Mr. Harris briefly discussed the need to amend the Solid Waste Management Plan to include the new “special event recycling” requirement. In short, the special event organizer must provide for recycling of glass, metal, plastic containers, paper, and -- to the extent possible -- food scraps.

Old Business:

Chairman Blood asked for a motion to change the SWAC meeting frequency from bi-monthly to monthly as specified in the Charter. Motion made and seconded. Discussion was held and the motion carried. Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month effective immediately.

The next meeting will be held on November 5, 2014 at Winchester Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.